

has a price, we hold in the highest regard these men and women who have the courage to pay it.

We mourn the loss of the following heroes in central Pennsylvania: Gunnery Sgt. Ronald E. Baum, 38, of Hollidaysburg, PA; Pfc. Bradley G. Kritzer, 19, of Irvona, PA; Spc. Clint Richard Matthews, 31, of Bedford, PA; Sgt. Timothy L. Hayslett, 26, of Newville, PA; Staff Sgt. Christopher E. Cutchall, 30, of McConnellsburg, PA; Pfc. Richard W. Hafer, 21, Seward, PA.

America's pursuit of freedom is a beacon of light in an otherwise starless sky. I continue to be immensely proud of our soldiers who are fighting this war on terror and I lament those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. They have left homes, families, and jobs to extinguish a threat, and they stand as testament to the strength of our resolve and the durability of our fabric.

America will never forget these heroes.

RECOGNIZING THE SELECTION OF
BRENT BAIR AS CHAIRMAN OF
THE INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION
SOCIETY OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. I rise today to recognize the accomplishment of Brent Bair for being named Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITSA). ITSA is a not-for-profit organization established in 1991 to coordinate the development and deployment of transportation-related technologies in the United States.

Mr. Bair was named ITSA Board Chairman at the ITSA annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Previously, Bair served as vice-chairman of the board and has served as a board member since 2001. Mr. Bair has also served as chairman of the Congressional ITS Caucus Advisory Committee and is a board member and former president of the Intelligent Transportation Society of Michigan.

As an ardent supporter of Intelligent Transportation Systems, Mr. Bair brought the FAST-TRAC system to more than 600 intersections in Oakland County, Michigan. The FAST-TRAC system uses video cameras to detect vehicles approaching an intersection and computers determine, in real time, the most efficient timing for the traffic signals at that intersection. Because of Mr. Bair's vision for the future, the Road Commission for Oakland County now operates the largest system of adaptive traffic signals in the nation and the largest deployment of video imaging for traffic management in the world.

Mr. Speaker, Brent Bair has served the people of Oakland County with distinction and I am confident his abilities will serve all Americans as chairman of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the appointment of Mr. Bair and to thank him for his service to the people of Michigan.

HONORING ALPHA NU OMEGA
CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA
ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Alpha Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., as it celebrates its 75th Anniversary. Since it was chartered on June 8, 1929, the Alpha Nu Omega Chapter has enriched the social and intellectual life of African American college women in Berkeley and Oakland, California and contributed to the social and economic well-being of the greater East Bay community.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is an international society that was founded at Howard University in January 1908. First conceived as an organization to enrich the social and intellectual aspects of college life, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority cuts across racial, international, and social barriers to help individuals and communities develop constructive relationships with others.

Inspired by the mission and dedication of the National Sorority, young women in Oakland and Berkeley, California founded the Alpha Nu Omega Chapter 21 years later. The moving spirit in the establishment of Alpha Nu Omega Chapter was Soror Ida L. Jackson who, at that time, was an Oakland public school teacher.

Over the years, Alpha Nu Omega Chapter has undertaken a wide range of community service activities that have greatly benefited communities in the East Bay and throughout the country.

The main thrust of its work has been to aid the community through social, civic, and health programs, vocational guidance, and political awareness.

As early as 1934, the chapter began supporting health programs and projects when Soror Ida L. Jackson proposed opening a health clinic in Lexington, Mississippi. In 1964, before Head Start, the chapter organized and operated an interracial "Pre-Kindergarten Program" for children from two elementary schools in Berkeley. Since the early 1970's, the chapter has sponsored a reading experience program—"Reading is Fundamental"—in several schools in Oakland.

Political activities such as the Rumford Fair Housing Bill, passage of school financial bills affecting thousands of California students and teachers, and voter registration and education have all been part of Alpha Nu Omega's ongoing commitment to community service.

During critical periods in our history—such as the transition from segregation to integration, wartime, the post war era, sit-ins, struggles for human dignity, acts of civil disobedience—Alpha Nu Omega has held high the torch for equality and social justice. I have no doubt that they will continue to blaze new trails and provide visionary leadership in the area of community service and political action throughout the Oakland-Berkeley area.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT AND SHERRI
VINES

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Robert and Sherri Vines, who are to receive this year's the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award for service to our community on June 12, 2004, also marking the 113th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation Emanu El. As members of the Congregation for the past 30 years, they have embodied the characteristics of integrity, humility, and love. I join today with family and friends in honoring their remarkable achievements and expressing pride in this recognition that has been afforded to them.

Robert and Sherri have served the Congregation in numerous capacities over the years. As a teacher at the School of Jewish Living, chair of the Community Seder, and member of the Executive Committee, Sherri has continued to provide invaluable insight and unyielding effort in improving her community.

Robert has equally shared in the leadership responsibilities while serving on the United Jewish Welfare Fund of San Bernardino County as President, the Dues Adjustment Commission, and the Board of Managers for the Home of Eternity Cemetery.

In addition to these contributions, Robert is a celebrated attorney, receiving many accolades in his profession for integrity and performance. He was previously recognized in the Inland Empire Magazine as one of the top ten attorneys in the Inland Empire.

Through their pro-active approach to leadership, Robert and Sherri have generously contributed their time, knowledge, and resources not only to their Congregation but also the entire Inland Empire community. The Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award is a way we can recognize these good works and pay tribute to their immense dedication over the last three decades.

I join today with their children, Jennifer, Jill, and Michael, to express our pride and admiration that they have received this well-deserved award. They are symbols of the qualities that Rabbi Feldheim exhibited and a continuing inspiration to their community.

RECOGNIZING THE ANNANDALE
HIGH SCHOOL UPON ITS 50 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Annandale High School as it prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Since its establishment in 1954 when President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Education" program lent its name to the school's mascot, the Annandale Atoms, Annandale High School has committed itself to lofty standards of academic and extracurricular excellence. Over the years, as the Annandale area has expanded